

SECRET

Approved For Release 2005/03/24 : CIA-RDP80R01720R001300080020-4

25X1 DRAFT/ [] (22 Mar 71)

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: USIB Committee on Intelligence Resources and
Asset Allocations for Indochina

1. As you are aware, I have directed the formation of a USIB Committee on Intelligence Resources and Asset Allocations for Indochina with a membership composed of State, DIA, NSA, CIA, a representative of the NSC, and chaired by my Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs, Mr. George Carver. The Committee is currently addressing the intelligence problems which we will be facing in Indochina in the next few years with particular emphasis on the direction and level of effort which will be required of the Intelligence Community. During this review, I have asked the Committee to define the role of U.S. intelligence during this era of reducing U.S. presence, to identify more clearly the tasks of the individual agencies, to establish some guidelines for personnel strengths, and to put forward the resultant recommendations for policy approval. These deliberations should prove helpful to all of us in the complex planning and programming required for the future, particularly as the problems of many of the agencies involved are becoming increasingly critical.

2. I have been informed that it became immediately apparent during discussions at the Committee's first meeting that a meaningful

Approved For Release 2005/03/24 : CIA-RDP80R01720R001300080020-4

SECRET

SECRET

Approved For Release 2005/03/24 : CIA-RDP80R01720R001300080020-4

review of the Intelligence Community's activities in Indochina will be heavily dependent on the types and priorities of intelligence requirements which will be levied on the Community during the period under consideration. It was generally agreed that future U.S. intelligence activities will largely be determined by the information which will be required to allow U.S. officials in Washington and in the field to make policy decisions and meet their day-to-day responsibilities, to assist our Allies and protect our withdrawing forces, and to assist our Allies after U.S. presence has been significantly reduced. The principals, therefore, drafted the attached set of consolidated general requirements which appear to break logically into two groups -- National and Tactical/Military. The National requirements are those of continuing, long-term interest to high level U.S. officials and are equally valid for all of the countries in Indochina as well as for each of the conflicting factions therein. The Tactical/Military requirements comprise those shorter-term data on enemy forces required primarily to support U.S. forces in the field and ^{by} our Allies now and in the future to protect themselves.

3. These requirements are being forwarded for your review and advice as to whether they reflect your judgment of what the Intelligence Community will be tasked to collect in the future, especially in light of the anticipated reduced U.S. presence. If, indeed, these general requirements contain your understanding of our intelligence goals, the Committee will then move into the next phases of the exercise -- the refinement of requirements, assignment of priorities, identification and tasking of collectors, and development of recommendations for policy approval regarding the personnel and facilities required to accomplish these goals.

Approved For Release 2005/03/24 : CIA-RDP80R01720R001300080020-4

SECRET